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UNCLE SAM AND GREATER AMERICA

The premium on gold is 40 per cent. in Chili; and Chili is one of them damned Free Silver countries.

The Spanish Cabinet has decided to abolish the position of Minister for the Colonies, having no further use for it. The Cabinet might have come farther and abolished the Minister for the Navy.

AGUINALDO, who after all appears to be a treacherous son of a gun, having attacked the American troops in the Philippines and gotten a well deserved licking, fairly got down on his knees and begged for a cessation of hostilities. About the best cessation for this murderous miscreant would be at the end of a rope on the lamp post at the corner of Hurryup and Don streets, Manila.

As a part of the debate on the Army Bill there appears in The Congressional Record the long statement which AGUINALDO recently addressed to the State Department, but which was officially ignored. Representative JOHNSON of Indiana is responsible for the publication, though it was never read in the House. It appears as an appendix to his remarks. Mr. JOHNSON is a Republican in politics, but his course indicates that he is not an American in principle.

TWENTY-four so-called citizens of the United States, including GROVER CLEVELAND, JOHN G. CARLISLE, ANDREW CARNEGIE, WILLIAM L. WILSON, SAMUEL GOMPERTZ and CARL SCHURZ, forwarded a petition to the Senate opposing the ratification of the peace treaty unless there should be injected into it a provision against annexation of the Philippines and Porto Rico. It's a master of regret to see Mr. CARLISLE in such disreputable company; but the rest of the crowd are as "honest well met," and as Americans as the most adjutant subjet of Spain.

AGUINALDO has now turned Expansionist. He has broadened his claims, or at least his agent here, AGUILLO, has done so for him. In another one of the series of the communications which he has addressed to the State Department, AGUILLO asserts his jurisdiction over all of the Philippine group. This is a notable extension, as heretofore there was nothing to show that he spoke with authority and not merely as a mere mouthpiece. And even though there has been an intimation that the Visayas, or central group, was part of the Philippine confederation, this is certainly the first time that any suggestion has been made touching the Sulu archipelago.

THE LEDGER is for National growth—for expansion, if you please, with a large E. I think this Government is a good thing, but I want to know if the rest of the world "and the rest of mankind." It was for the ratification of the Peace Treaty, and had no patience with the dirty political jugglers who opposed it. But now that the Treaty is ratified—that the War between Spain and the United States is diplomatically ended—THE LEDGER has no quarrel with those who differ with it as to the future disposition or government of the Philippines. That matter now comes up properly for settlement by Congress. In the meantime, Hurrah for Uncle Sam and Old Glory!

THE GRIP CURE THAT DOES CURE. Louis W. N. Nix, of Cincinnati, takes no chances on producing a Taber. The gun has him L. O. Q. on each Taber, etc.

Bishop W. N. Nix, formerly of Cincinnati, who presided at the M. E. Conference here last September, as been selected to preside at the Conference of the Methodist Church in Philadelphia March 15th.

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Alarm at Henderson.

HENDERSON, Ky., Feb. 10.—R. H. Abbott, well known farmer, aged 43 years, died Thursday of spinal meningitis. A number of new cases was reported on the same day. Thursday. There are several persons in the city dangerously ill with the disease. People are becoming alarmed here over the spread of the disease.

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A Prominent Member of the Investigating Board Says That the Report Does Not Whitewash.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The report of the war investigating commission is in the hands of the president, and the commission is dissolved. All of the members of the commission, including the secretary, Mr. Weightman, and the recorder, Co. Davis, met by appointment at the white house at 4:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon and were at once shown into the cabinet room, where they were received by the president, Gen. Dodge, the chairman of the commission, and the secretary of war, and in regard to it, congratulated the commissioners on the completion of their task.

Stated around the cabinet table, the members went over their work in a general way, and at the request of the president read portions of their report which covered certain points in which he had expressed an interest. The conference lasted about an hour and a half, and as the members were seated about to leave the president stated that he was satisfied that each member had done his duty whole. He himself had rendered them every assistance possible and said that they would bear witness that he had not sought to influence them in any manner or in the slightest degree.

In speaking of the report Thursday to a Star reporter a prominent member of the commission said:

"The report is not whitewash. It criticizes, but not persons or things which are not warranted by the evidence before us. We started out with the assumption that the conduct of the war was all right, and then we went ahead to call witness who said it was not. The report represents the honest opinion of every member of the commission. We were unanimous in adopting it. I think, and I am of the opposite political party, that the truth caused primarily by the bitter cold."

"I know that every line of the report represents my individual view and if any member tried harder than I did to get at and out all the facts I have yet to see him. There was no suppression or concealment and no point brought out in the evidence was evaded or passed over. Before the witness and agreed to examine him or to touch upon certain matters that might turn out unfavorably. Everything that a man knew or thought he knew was the subject of inquiry and I am satisfied when the country gets our report in full that there will be no complaint either as to our methods or results."

"The president never saw a line of our report before he received it officially. I think you will find, Nor, indeed, has he ever talked with any of the commission about it."

"He has never in any way by word or action or messengers evinced a wish to have us develop anything, but the truth or even touched upon the master of our work."

"We have questioned more than 500 witnesses and the majority of them had some connection with the administration. In no instance can it be proved that we have omitted to call any witness who has been brought to attention as having important facts to disclose. But had we desired to 'whitewash' the administration we could have had 5,000 witnesses who could truthfully testify that the conduct of the war was all right."

"Of course there were some evils, but they were not serious. The soldiers in the civil war never had hospitals or medical attendants as good as was given them in the war with Spain. And their army ration then was not as eatable as it is now. The men who complained most of the food we found were very generally the militiamen from the interiors of states and who had been allowed \$20 per head for subsistence stores while they were in state. When they went into the active fight they expected the same sort of thing."

"In questioning these men nearly all confessed to us that they had always served the army ration. They had right to expect any more. I could tell you some very funny stories to illustrate this."

"There were many complaints brought to us that on their face were false and false, but we went to every place and expense to inquire into their charges."

Ind King of the Klondike Married London, Feb. 10.—Alexander Macnald, of Dawson City, Canada, owns "The Klondike," a large house and property to be worth from \$60,000 to \$200,000,000, was married yesterday to Miss Margaret Chisholm, daughter of Mr. Chisholm, superintendent of the Thames water police.

## A GHASTLY DISCOVERY.

Strangled by the Supposed Corpse—Glass Covering the Coffin and Blood Spilled.

TOAWANDA, N. Y., Feb. 10.—A ghastly discovery was made at a cemetery near Pendleton Thursday morning, when the body of James Bigley was examined for the purpose of holding an autopsy to discover the cause of his death.

The glass covering the casket was broken, and the distorted features of the corpse, the position of his hands and feet, together with a number of blood spots on the floor, showed that the deceased was long since dead. Mr. Bigley was undoubtedly interred while in a trance, it is claimed by physicians who viewed the body Thursday afternoon.

Wednesday of last week, after a short illness, he apparently succumbed, and Dr. Monterey, the family physician, declared that his patient was dead. Friends for the family immediately began to bury him in the neighboring towns were notified. On Saturday the funeral was held from the family residence near Pendleton, and it was attended by many farmers in the vicinity. During this time the supposed corpse showed no signs of life, and no one thought for an instant that Mr. Bigley was not dead as he appeared.

A few years ago the deceased took out several insurance policies on his life and it was partly for this reason that it was decided to hold an autopsy to ascertain beyond a doubt the exact cause of death. But for this, it is said, the discovery of the terrible mistake that had been made would never have been discovered.

## WINTERY WEATHER IN TEXAS.

Show Two Feet Deep in Places—The Loss of Cattle Is Terrible—Many Persons Reported Frozen to Death.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 10.—A special from Dallas says: Deputy Sheriff Davis returned to Dallas Thursday night from the Panhandle along the line of the Fort Worth and Denver railway. He says that the cattle losses and fatalities are incalculable.

At Texline the snow is 3 feet deep on the level. At Clarendon it was two feet deep Thursday morning and snowing hard. The mercury was 15 degrees below there. The loss of cattle along the line of the railway is something terrible. The cattle had practically no shelter and in addition to this hardship there is no grain or water to be had, and their thirst and starvation caused the death which caused primarily by the bitter cold.

Most of the trains on the Fort Worth and Denver road have been abandoned. Extra engines and snow plows had to be employed to get the train he was on from Clarendon to Fort Worth and it arrived eight hours late. Axes, picks and crowbars had to be used at water tanks to cut holes through the ice and then the engines had to be supplied with water by the use of buckets.

"I know that every line of the report represents my individual view and if any member tried harder than I did to get at and out all the facts I have yet to see him. There was no suppression or concealment and no point brought out in the evidence was evaded or passed over. Before the witness and agreed to examine him or to touch upon certain matters that might turn out unfavorably. Everything that a man knew or thought he knew was the subject of inquiry and I am satisfied when the country gets our report in full that there will be no complaint either as to our methods or results."

"The president never saw a line of our report before he received it officially. I think you will find, Nor, indeed, has he ever talked with any of the commission about it."

## COLD WAVE IN FLORIDA.

Truckers Suffered Some Loss Upon Their Crops—Young Spring Grapes on Orange Trees Injured.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 10.—The severest cold wave of the season covered Florida Wednesday night and Thursday. In the northern part of the orange belt the range of the mercury was from 36 to 34 degrees. Only the young spring growth of the oranges suffered, and the "old" or useless bloom made to fall. Truckers suffered more loss upon crops of beans, lettuce and tomatoes. Strawberries were partially hurt.

Ampie warning by the weather bureau enabled the truckers and orange growers generally to take precautions for protection. Pineapples were not hurt.

## SNOWSTORM AT LEADVILLE.

The Railroads Encountered and Hundreds of Lives Were Lost or It is Not Known.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Feb. 10.—The snow storm continued with unabated fury. The men of mining, smelting and other business men to discuss measures of relief had been held Thursday. It was agreed that if steps were not taken to break the railroad blockade hundreds of lives may be lost. It was decided to put all available men at work opening the railroad between this city and Manta, Colo. George W. Cook will head a party of 1,000 snow shovels. No trains are running on the Denver & Rio Grande between Salida and the Colorado Midland is completely tied up.

Oyster Famine Fears.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10.—Alexander Macnald, of Dawson City, Canada, owns "The Klondike," a large house and property to be worth from \$60,000 to \$200,000,000, was married yesterday to Miss Margaret Chisholm, daughter of Mr. Chisholm, superintendent of the Thames water police.

## SAN ROQUE BURNT.

Fearing an Attack by the Americans the Insurgents Destroy the Bamboo Huts.

## ADDITIONAL LIST OF CASUALTIES.

The First Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Dispatched from Manila to Gen. Miller's Aid at Iloilo.

The City Will Probably Be in the Hands of the Americans in a Few Hours—Site of the Village of San Roque Occupied by American Troops.

MANILA, Feb. 10.—Thursday the natives, fearing the Americans were about to make an attack on or bombard the town of San Roque, set fire to it. It is still burning as this dispatch is sent.

"After continuing our work here I ordered armed insurgents to leave San Roque by 7:30 this morning. They left during the night, a few remaining, who burned the village. Thursday morning, this great remedy is offered to all who are suffering from any woman suffer another suffering from any disease.

Telegraph operators are now worth their weight in gold and the members of the signal corps are working night and day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The following cablegram was received Thursday from Gen. O'Neil:

"MANILA, Feb. 9.—Adjutant General, Washington. Additional casualties: 100th Infantry, Minnesota Wounded: Co. M, Private Alexander M. Dunn.

First Montana—Wounded: Company C, Private Lester Pierrestoff.

First Nebraska—Killed: Co. B, Artillery, Gustave E. Eilund; Co. F, Private Wm. Philpot; Co. M, Private H. C. Livingston; Wounded: Co. A, Charles Keeley; Co. B, George L. Clother.

## RUDYARD KIPLING SUGGESTS A VOCATION FOR UNCLE SAM.

MANILA, Feb. 10.—The following special directions, address, giving symptoms, and prescription of the Cheltenham Medicine Co., Cheltenham, Tenn.

"DR. JAMES P. SMITH, Comden, S.C., says: 'I am with my wife of Cardinal shape, 5' 4" with a bust of 36 and a waist of 26. I am a widow and I entirely care for myself.' Wine of Cardui only costs \$1.00 per bottle and your drug store will supply it."

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